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1. CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE AS SCHEDULED IN PROMINENT PROTESTANT MEETING HALL IN ANTANANARIVO. MANY MAJOR RELIGIONS INCLUDING HINDU, ISLAM AND ADVENTISTS WERE REPRESENTED. DELEGATIONS WERE FROM MAURITIUS, REUNION, SEYCHELLES, TANZANIA, BELGIUM, AND HUNGARY.

2. CONFERENCE WAS ADDRESSED BY FOREIGN MINISTER RAKOTOMAVO, REPRESENTING PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA, WHO BROUGHT INTO HIS SPEECH SUCH EXTRANEIOUS SUBJECTS AS ZAIRE, WESTERN SAHARA, MIDDLE EAST, AND SOUTH AFRICA. FINAL RESOLUTION OF CONFERENCE MADE PROMINENT MENTION OF NATO AND ANZUS COLLABORATION IN INDIAN OCEAN, FRANCO-BRITISH IMPERIALISM, AND ACTIONS OF IRAN AND
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SOUTH AFRICA. RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED DISMANTLEMENT OF ALL FOREIGN MILITARY BASES "PARTICULARLY THAT OF DIEGO GARCIA AND IN THE NEIGHBORING REGIONS (SIMONSTOWN IN SOUTH AFRICA, ETC...)," AND SUBSEQUENT "PROGRESSIVE, RECIPROCAL, AND CONCERTED" REDUCTION OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES BY NON-LITTORAL STATES. RESOLUTION BACKED SUCH WELL-KNOWN CAUSES AS LIBERATION OF NAMIBIA AND MAYOTTE, NEW ECONOMIC

ORDER, ETC., AND ALSO LESS PROMINENT ONES SUCH AS RETURN OF RODRIQUEZ (REFTEL), MALAGASY CLAIMS ON BASSA DE INDIA, EUROPA, AND JUAN DE NOVA, AND STRUGGLE AGAINST MILITARIZATION OF PERSIAN GULF COUNTREIS, "AMONG WHICH IRAN." DECEMBER 16 DECALRED A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN INDIAN OCEAN. AT CONCLUDING PRESS CONFERENCE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT A SIMILAR CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD IN MOSCOW IN JUNE.

3. WE MAY HAVE FURTHER COMMENT ON THIS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING CLOSER EXAMINATION OF PRESS COVERAGE AND TALKS WITH PARTICIPANTS. TEXTS WILL BE SUBMITTED BY POUCH.

4. OPENING SESSION WAS, ACCORDING TO PRESS, ATTENDED BY SEVERAL CHIEFS OF MISSIONS AND BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR AS DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS. I RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO ATTEND ON THE DAY BEFORE THE MEETING BUT WAS UNABLE TO GO BECAUSE OF A SCHEDULED TRIP TO THE COMOROS. I HAVE REPLIED TO THE INVITATION SINCE MY RETURN INDICATING MY REGRET AT NOT HAVING BEEN ABLE TO ATTEND, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE POSITIONS RECENTLY ADOPTED BY USG ON INDIAN OCEAN. I ENCLOSED WITH MY REPLY COPIES OF RECENT STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT BY PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE, INCLUDING THE MARCH 30 PRESS CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW. MY REPLY WAS SENT TO THE TWO CO-HOSTS OF THE CONFERENCE: PASTOR RICHARD ANDRIAMANJATO, LEADER OF PRO-SOVIET AKFM PARTY AND MAJOR OF ANTANANARIVO AND LUCIEN ANDRIANARAHINJAKA, MINISTER-COUNSELOR IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, RESPONSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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